

# STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

## August Meeting Summary



**Date | time** August 28, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | **Meeting Location** Administrative Office of the Courts

**Meeting called to order by** Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair

## WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) & SIAC Vice Chair, welcomed members/alternates to the meeting. Ms. Caywood also welcomed Lieutenant Governor Jenean Hampton to SIAC, then provided an update about DCBS's transformation efforts.

- **Damien Sweeney**, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), KY School Standards of Preparation were approved last Monday, and they are now online. KY School Standards of Practice will go before the Board in October.
- **Rachel Bingham**, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), provided an update on the Restore Opioid Summits for the Court of Justice. They are also holding Child Welfare Forums with Foster Care Review Boards.
- **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, Family Organization Representative, provided handouts for the Parent/Participant Advocacy Leadership Series (PALS), the fall schedule for webinars and in-person workshops for both families and professionals, and the Pritchard Committee's Basecamp flyers for parent and family engagement, which includes information on IEPs and 504 Education Plans (see Meeting Handouts). Ms. Logsdon reported concern about Jefferson County's lack of school resource officers considering the School Safety Bill and the requirements set forth in the Bill to ensure adequate training.
- **Denitta Mercier**, Parent Representative, reported that the Barren River RIAC hosted a Back to School Splash in July. Forty families attended, and Region handed out almost 150 backpacks filled with school supplies. Their promoting positive mental health conference was in July with 114 participants. Ms. Mercier reported she is going to be working with Local Resource Coordinators to gain information from other parent representatives.
- **Vestena Robbins**, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported that she, Commissioner Morris, Deputy Secretary Putnam, and some representatives from KDE attended the NGA convening on Child Health, Wellness and Safety in Schools. As a result of a discussion during a commissioner-level SIAC meeting and this NGA convening, a team is coming together for the purposes of coordinating, communicating and aligning the implementation efforts related to School Safety and Resiliency.
- **William Heffron**, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), reported DJJ has a new commissioner, Denny Butler. Dr. Heffron provided an update on their Aggression Replacement Training pilots at three of their facilities. Dr. Heffron reported they are seeing more staff involvement and better relations between youth and staff.
- **Missy Brownson Ross**, Council for Postsecondary Education (CPE), reported they are seeking student and family ambassadors to work on leadership skills. Ms. Ross reported Dr. Aaron Thompson is continuing on his listening tour around the state. The schedule is on the CPE website.
- **Judy Theriot**, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), reported DMS has been working with Department for Public Health and DBHDID on a learning collaborative on addressing the needs of the mother/child dyad affected by substance use disorders.
- **Melissa Goins**, Family Resource & Youth Service Centers (FRYSC), reported FRYSC is reviewing last year's data, and they have seen an increase in grandparent and relative contacts as well as suicide prevention work. Ms. Goins reported they are continuing to focus on protective factors.
- **Callie Cartmell**, Youth Representative, presented two cards of appreciation signed at the Youth Parent Conference to Michelle Kilgore and Janice Johnston, both from DBHDID.

## BUSINESS ITEMS

### ❖ Review of July Meeting Summaries

**Melissa Goins** made motion to approve. **Vestena Robbins** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

### ❖ Pennyroyal RIAC Parent and Youth Membership Applications

Members had opportunity to review applications. **SIAC Vice Chair Caywood** appointed the two new members.

### ❖ Annual Recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Research Commission

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner of DCBS & SIAC Vice Chair, requested members/designees review the draft 2020 recommendations and provide feedback via email to Lea Taylor prior to the September meeting. Ms. Caywood reminded the Council that in September, the Social & Emotional Health Task Force will be presenting its recommendations to SIAC.

## KENTUCKY AWARE AND SCHOOL CLIMATE TRANSFORMATION

**Christina Weeter, Director of Division of Student Success at KDE, and Kathryn Tillett, Kentucky AWARE Program Coordinator at KDE**, presented an overview of the AWARE grant and School Climate Transformation initiatives [see Meeting Handouts]. In 2014, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) received a 5-year AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience Education) grant through SAMHSA's Now is The Time initiative. AWARE works to increase early identification of needs and access to supports by creating strong school mental health referral pathways for school and community based interventions; using Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS); and using universal school-based mental health screening. School Climate Transformation Grants (SCT) and AWARE can support the goals of other state initiatives such as SB 1 "School Safety and Resiliency Act" and all the aspects of the Act that support the psychological safety of schools. In Fall 2018, KDE was awarded the SCT grant, and in the Spring 2019, KDE was awarded a second Project AWARE grant which includes three new pilot districts.

## STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

**Damien Sweeney, Ed.D., Social & Emotional Health Standing Committee Chair**, reported representatives from the Standing Committee attended the System of Care Academy and hosted a screening and panel discussion of Paper Tigers. Dr. Sweeney reported that during today's standing committee meeting, they will be talking about suicide prevention and previewing a lesson/obtaining feedback.

**Missy Brownson Ross, Outreach & Promotion Standing Committee Chair**, reported she has been away for a couple months, but she is looking forward to getting started back with the Standing Committee. Ms. Ross discussed the survey completed by the Standing Committee in January. The survey is being used as a resource to inform the work moving forward. Ms. Ross reported the group is starting today to develop a spreadsheet of the SIAC agencies, work that they do, and contact persons.

## FUTURE ADENDA ITEMS

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for input on future agenda items.

- UK's \$87 million grant to combat opioid epidemic – Dr. Katie Marks, DBHDID – September 2019
- SAFESPACE Final Results and Next Steps – SAFESPACE leadership committee – September 2019
- Presentation of Social & Emotional Health Task Force Recommendations to SIAC – Task Force representatives – September 2019
- CDW Program Evolution into an Active Diversion Case Plan – Rachel Bingham, AOC – October 2019
- Standing Committee Updates – October 2019
- SMART friends and family – Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children – TBD
- Peer Support program – Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children – TBD
- Prevention of Youth Suicide – Donnie Ray, Big Sandy RIAC, and Damien Sweeney, KDE – November 2019

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for any public comment. There were no public comments.

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Franklin County Extension Office, 101 Lakeview Ct., Frankfort, KY 40601

## ADJOURNMENT

**Melissa Goins** made motion to adjourn. **Rachel Bingham** – second to the motion.

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting.

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK:	RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
One consistent staff from each SIAC agency to serve as Designee when Commissioner-level Member cannot attend	SIAC Commissioners
SIAC annual recommendations to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission	SIAC Members email any suggested revisions to <a href="mailto:Lea.Taylor@ky.gov">Lea.Taylor@ky.gov</a> .

## IN ATTENDANCE

### Members/Designees:

Elizabeth Caywood, DCBS  
Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN  
Denitta Mercier, Parent Representative  
Melissa Goins, FRYSC  
Damien Sweeney, KDE  
Missy Brownson Ross, CPE

Callie Cartmell, Youth Representative  
Rachel Bingham, AOC  
Bill Heffron, DJJ  
Vestena Robbins, DBHDID  
Judy Theriot, DMS

Staff: Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID; Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID; Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID

### Partial Guest List:

Brittany Barber, DBHDID  
Beth Jordan, DBHDID  
Eboni Blackford, AOC  
Christina Weeter, KDE  
Dee Dee Ward, DBHDID  
Shirley Gardstein, Cumberland River RIAC  
Whitney Hayse, P&A  
LeAnn Magre, Wellcare  
Clay Barber, FIVCO/Gateway RIACs  
Greg Warner, AOC  
Paula Brown, DBHDID  
Kellie Smith, KY-SPIN  
Maggie Krueger, KPFC  
Cheryl Hall, Passport  
Dominique Clark, AOC

Liz Moreland, Bluegrass RIACs  
Sonny Mercier, SIAC Parent Alternate  
Sarah Bowling, Aetna  
Kathryn Tillett, KDE  
Clarissa Mobley, DJJ  
Ian Rosser, KY-SPIN  
Troy Bell, AOC  
Kate Overberg Wagoner, DBHDID  
Christie Penn, DBHDID  
Lynette Ponder, DCBS  
Robert Ian Shepard, AOC  
Christina Bronner, AOC  
Kim Bangart, AOC  
Liz Stearman, Anthem  
Laura Edwards, DBHDID

Partial Guest List:

Natasha Sanford, Cumberland Valley RIAC  
Carol Cecil, KPFC  
Rachel Njenga, KDE  
John Fitzpatrick, DJJ  
Sarah Asher, AOC

Sameera Jackson, Wellcare  
Rebecca Hahn, Humana CareSource  
Jenean Hampton, Lieutenant Governor  
Steve Shannon, KARP

## STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES	MEETING LOCATION
Outreach & Promotion	Meeting Room C
Racial & Ethnic Disparities	Meeting Room A
Social & Emotional Health	Meeting Room B

## MEETING HANDOUTS

Any handouts referenced in the meeting summary above will be available on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac-summaries.aspx>. Under **Handouts**, use the drop down to select this meeting date.